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DISEASES CAUSED IL-6 PRODUCTIONRESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the outstanding Examiner's Communication mailed May 31, 2000. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendment filed September 10, 1999 (Paper No. 20). Applicants further urge careful consideration of the newly presented arguments submitted in the Preliminary Response filed on January 31, 2000, in which additional evidence has come to light in the cited prior art that militates against a conclusion of obviousness.

In the event that any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with any proposal to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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